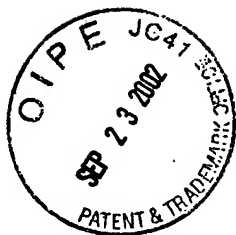


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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Applicant : Gerald W. Gibson, Jr., et al.
Application No. : 10/038,371
Filed : January 2, 2002
Title : SPLIT BARRIER LAYER INCLUDING NITROGEN-CONTAINING PORTION
AND OXYGEN-CONTAINING PORTION

Grp./Div : 2812
Examiner : L.A. Gurley

Docket No. : 47070/MJM/A717

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated **August 8, 2002** for **one** month(s) from **September 8, 2002** to **October 8, 2002**.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below:

CALCULATION OF FEE			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 55	\$110	\$110
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$200	\$400	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$460	\$920	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$720	\$1440	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$980	\$1960	\$


Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 110 to cover the cost of the extension.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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